

Board Minutes – February 14, 2025 (Unapproved)

Minutes of the special meeting of the Board of Trustees held in the Division Office Board Room on February 14, 2025, commencing at 12:00 p.m.

Board Chair: Treaty and Land Acknowledgement

Spanning generations, acknowledgement of the land is a traditional custom of Indigenous people when welcoming outsiders onto their land and into their homes. To build respectful relationships, acknowledging the land is an important part of reconciliation. It honours the authentic history of North America, its original people and tells the story of the creation of this country that has historically been missing.

Before we begin, we would like to acknowledge that we are on Turtle Island where Indigenous Peoples have lived since time began.

We are gathering today on the ancestral lands of the (Neeyawak) nêhiyawak (Cree), Anihšīnāpēk (Saulteaux), Nakota, Dakota, and Lakota native - who walked and lived on this land and knew it to be the centre of their lives and spirituality.

We acknowledge this land became the Homeland of the Red River Metis.

We respect and honour the Treaties that were made on all territories, we acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past. With this understanding, we are committed to move forward in partnership with Indigenous Nations in the spirit of education, reconciliation, and collaboration.

We acknowledge that today, these lands continue to be the shared Territory of many diverse peoples from near and far who call it home and we all bound together by Treaty 4.

The following were present:

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| Trustees: | G. Wowchuk
K. Highmoor
D. Burghart (Remote)
V. Rooks
T. Mendel |
| Superintendent: | R. Tomlinson (Remote) |
| Secretary-Treasurer: | B. Rausch |
| Absent: | V. Zastre
A. Fuchs |

Resolutions:

- R1 T. Mendel, V. Rooks:
THAT this meeting has been called in accordance with the procedural by-law of the Swan Valley School Division and in conformity of the requirements of the Public Schools Act.
CARRIED

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- R2 K. Highmoor, V. Rooks:
THAT the Board move to In-Camera. CARRIED
- R3 T. Mendel, V. Rooks:
THAT the Board move out of In-Camera. CARRIED
- R4 K. Highmoor, V. Rooks:
THAT we do now adjourn at 12:57 p.m. CARRIED

Chair



Secretary-Treasurer

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